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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of January 15, 2008, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 15, 2008, Applicants respectfully request a continued examination of the present application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in light of the following remarks and amendments:

**Amendments to the Title** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the

Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.